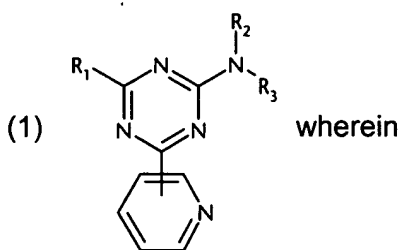


1. (original): A compound of formula



R₁ is C₁-C₂₀alkyl; C₃-C₇cycloalkyl; or C₁-C₂₀perfluoroalkyl;

R₂ is hydrogen; C₁-C₂₀alkyl; or C₃-C₇cycloalkyl; and

R₃ is hydrogen; C₁-C₂₀alkyl; C₃-C₇cycloalkyl; C₁-C₂₀perfluoroalkyl; C₁-C₂₀alkyl-carbonyl; C₃-C₇cycloalkyl-carbonyl; C₁-C₂₀perfluoroalkyl-carbonyl; or phenylcarbonyl.

2. (original): A compound according to claim 1, wherein

R₁ is C₁-C₄alkyl;

R₂ is hydrogen; and

R₃ is C₆-C₂₀alkyl; C₂-C₆alkyl; C₃-C₇cycloalkyl; C₁-C₂₀perfluoroalkyl; C₁-C₂₀alkyl-carbonyl; C₃-C₇cycloalkyl-carbonyl; or C₁-C₂₀perfluoroalkyl-carbonyl.

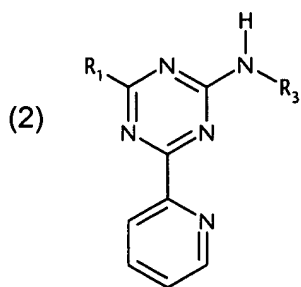
3. (currently amended): A compound according to either claim 1 or claim 2, wherein

R₁ is C₁-C₄alkyl;

R₂ is hydrogen; and

R₃ is C₂-C₆alkyl; C₁-C₁₂perfluoroalkyl; C₁-C₁₂alkyl-carbonyl; or C₁-C₁₂perfluoroalkyl-carbonyl.

4. (original): A compound according to claim 1, which corresponds to formula



wherein

R₁ is C₁-C₄alkyl; and

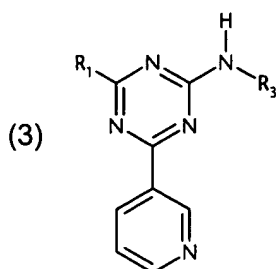
R₃ is C₆-C₂₀alkyl; C₃-C₇cycloalkyl; C₁-C₂₀perfluoroalkyl; C₁-C₂₀alkyl-carbonyl; C₃-C₇cycloalkyl-carbonyl; or C₁-C₂₀perfluoroalkyl-carbonyl.

5. (currently amended): A compound according to claim 4, wherein

R₁ is tert-butyl; and

R₃ is C₆-C₂₀alkyl; ~~especially octyl~~.

6. (original): A compound according to claim 1, which corresponds to formula

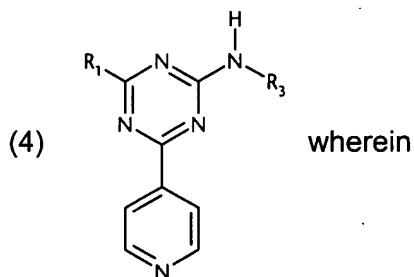


wherein

R₁ is C₁-C₄alkyl; and

R₃ is C₆-C₂₀alkyl; C₃-C₇cycloalkyl; C₁-C₂₀perfluoroalkyl; C₁-C₂₀alkyl-carbonyl; C₃-C₇cycloalkyl-carbonyl; or C₁-C₂₀perfluoroalkyl-carbonyl.

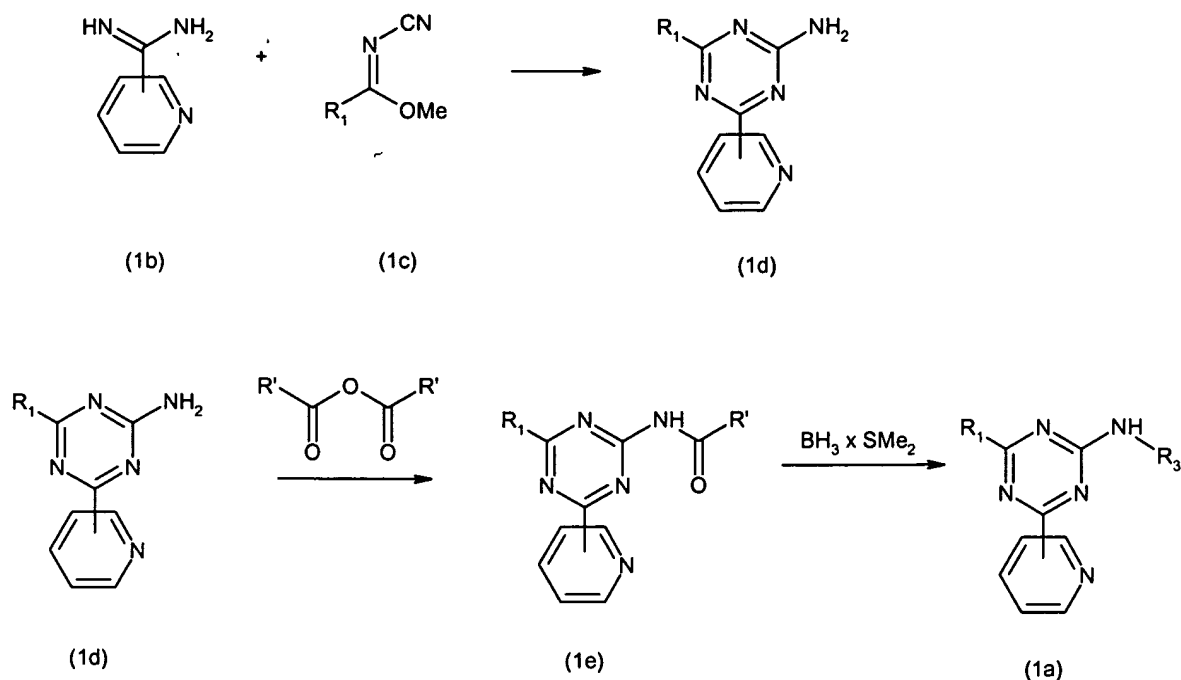
7. (original): A compound according to claim 1, which corresponds to formula



R₁ is C₁-C₄alkyl; and

R₃ is C₆-C₂₀alkyl; C₃-C₇cycloalkyl; C₁-C₂₀perfluoroalkyl; C₁-C₂₀alkyl-carbonyl; C₃-C₇cycloalkyl-carbonyl; or C₁-C₂₀perfluoroalkyl-carbonyl.

8. (original): A process for the preparation of a compound of formula (1a) according to claim 1, which comprises condensing an amidine of formula (1b) with a cyanoimide of formula (1c) to form an aminotriazine of formula (1d), acylating the latter compound, and then reducing the N-acylamino-triazine of formula (1e) obtained to form a compound of formula (1a), in accordance with the following Scheme:



wherein

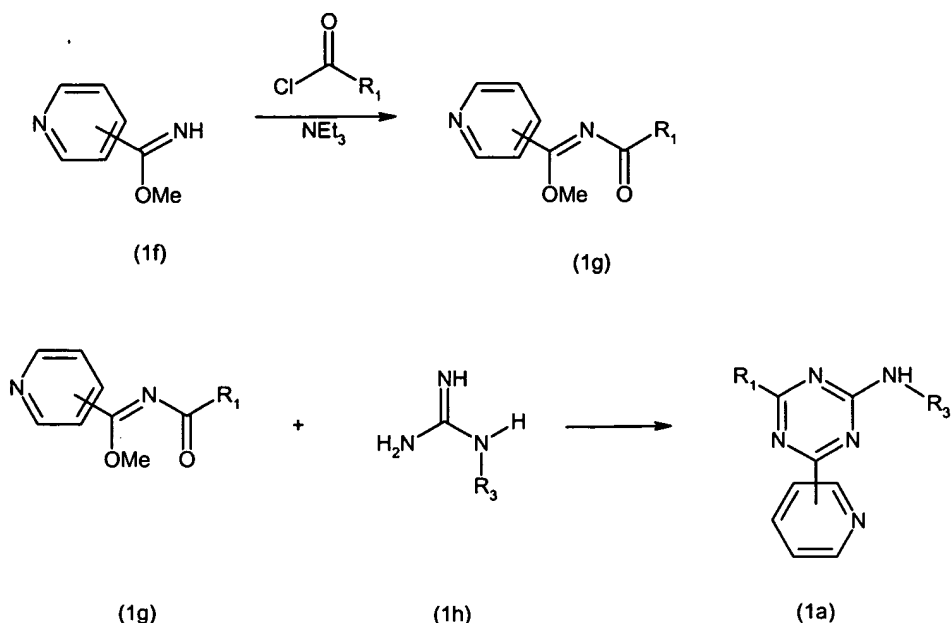
R₁ is C₁-C₂₀alkyl; C₃-C₇cycloalkyl; or C₁-C₂₀perfluoroalkyl;

R₃ is hydrogen; C₁-C₂₀alkyl; C₃-C₇cycloalkyl; C₁-C₂₀perfluoroalkyl; C₁-C₂₀alkyl-carbonyl;

C₃-C₇cycloalkyl-carbonyl; C₁-C₂₀perfluoroalkyl-carbonyl; or phenylcarbonyl; and

R' is C₁-C₄alkyl.

9. (original): A process for the preparation of a compound of formula (1a) according to claim 1, which comprises acylating a pyridylimino ester of formula (1f) and reacting the resulting N-acyl-imino ester of formula (1g) with a mono- or di-substituted guanidine or a salt thereof in an inert solvent to form a pyridyl-triazine of formula (1a), in accordance with the following Scheme:



wherein

R₁ and R₃ are as defined in claim-a 1.

10. (currently amended): A method for Use of a compound of formula (1) according to claim 1 in the antimicrobial treatment of surfaces, which comprises contacting said surfaces with an antimicrobially effective amount of a compound of formula (1) according to claim 1.

11. (currently amended): A method Use according to claim 10, wherein the compound of formula (1) is used in the antimicrobial treatment, deodorisation and disinfection of the skin, oral and other mucosa, tooth surfaces and the hair.

12. (currently amended): A method Use according to claim 11, wherein the compound of formula (1) is used in disinfection and deodorisation.

13. (currently amended): A method Use, according to claim 10, wherein of a compound of formula (1) is used in the treatment of textile fibre materials.

14. (currently amended): A method Use, according to claim 10, wherein of a compound of formula (1) is used in preservation.

15. (currently amended): A method ~~Use of a compound of formula (1)~~ according to claim 10, wherein a compound of formula (1) is used in washing and cleaning formulations.

16. (currently amended): A method ~~Use~~, according to claim 10, wherein ~~of a compound of formula (1)~~ is used in imparting antimicrobial properties to, and preserving, plastics, paper, nonwovens, wood or leather.

17. (currently amended): A method ~~Use~~, according to claim 10, wherein ~~of a compound of formula (1)~~ is used in imparting antimicrobial properties to, and preserving, technical products selected from the group consisting of, ~~especially~~ printing thickeners of starch or of cellulose derivatives, surface-coatings and paints.

18. (currently amended): A method ~~Use~~, according to claim 10, wherein ~~of a compound of formula (1)~~ is used as a biocide in ~~technical processes, especially in~~ paper treatment.

19. (currently amended): A method ~~Use~~, according to claim 10, wherein ~~of a compound of formula (1)~~ is used in penetrating and removing biofilms and also in preventing the adhesion and formation of biofilms on human tooth surfaces and oral mucosa.

20. (original): A personal care preparation comprising from 0.01 to 15 % by weight, based on the total weight of the composition, of a compound of formula (1) defined in accordance with claim 1, and cosmetically tolerable adjuvants.

21. (original): An oral composition comprising from 0.01 to 15 % by weight, based on the total weight of the composition, of a compound of formula (1) defined in accordance with claim 1, and orally tolerable adjuvants.